

REMARKS

The Examiner states:

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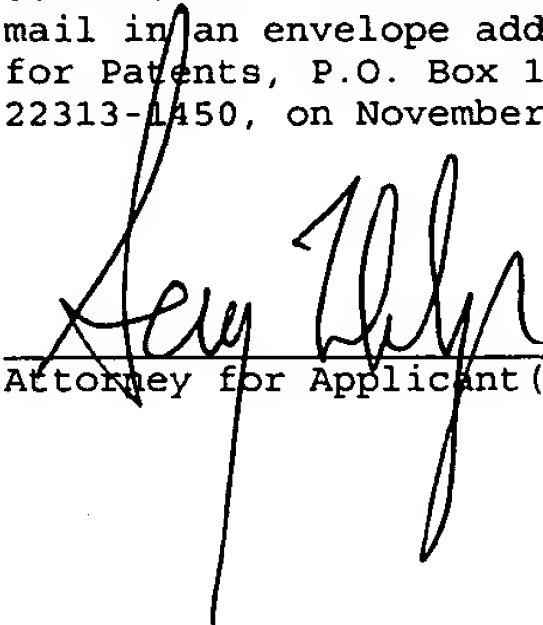
In response to the requirement, Applicants indicate that the application and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0007771 were, at the time the invention was made, **NOT** owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person. This response is made based upon information and belief. Applicants reserve the right to change this response in the event other information so justifies.

In a telephone conversation between the Examiner, David E. Graybill, and Applicants' Attorney, Serge J. Hodgson, on November 22, 2004, the Examiner indicated that although the Applicants had filed a Response on October 22, 2004 responsive to the August 18, 2004 Requirement for Information, Applicants should file the present Response to the Requirement dated October 12, 2004 to clarify the record.

Claims 26-34 are pending in the application. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

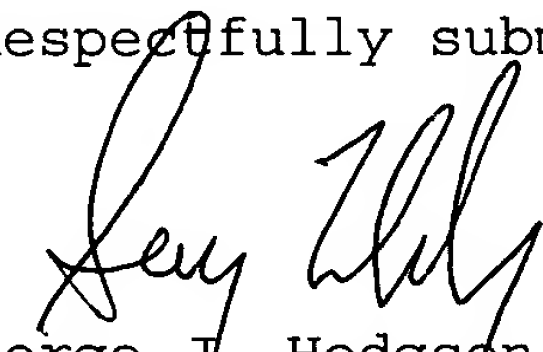
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